



Introduced Version

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 4 of the Indiana Constitution.

Synopsis: Redistricting. Provides that the general assembly may establish a commission to draw congressional and legislative districts. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 4 of the Indiana Constitution concerning redistricting.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
3 Eighteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.

5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION
6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS: Section 5. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),** the
8 General Assembly elected during the year in which a federal decennial
9 census is taken shall fix by law the number of Senators and
10 Representatives and apportion them among districts according to the
11 number of inhabitants in each district, as revealed by that federal
12 decennial census.

13 **(b) The General Assembly may by law establish a commission**



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- 1 to draw congressional and legislative districts according to the
2 number of inhabitants in each district and other criteria
3 established by law. If the General Assembly establishes a
4 commission under this subsection, the following apply:
5 (1) The General Assembly shall fix the number of Senators
6 and Representatives.
7 (2) The districts drawn by the commission are the districts for
8 election of members of Congress and for members of the
9 General Assembly, respectively.
10 (c) The territory in each district shall be contiguous.

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